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Patent Application Of: Ciurzynski et al.

For: Wire Bonding Surface For Connecting An Electrical Energy
Storage Device To An Implantable Medical Device

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith

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3. A concise explanation of the possible relevance of the listed information items is as follows:

Patents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,371,231 to Jung is directed to an electrically conductive connection consisting of a very thin gold wire 3 and a metal contact dot 1 situated on an electrical component or on an integrated circuit. The contact dot includes a plurality of rectangular perforation holes 4 contacted by the nailhead 2 of the gold wire 3. The other end of the gold wire connects to an external terminal which is not further described.

U.S. Patent No. 3,418,422 to Bradham III teaches an attachment for integrated circuit leads comprising a Kovar lead 7 electrolessly plated with nickel. Gold is electrolessly plated over the nickel. The electroless gold and the electroless nickel form a solid solution type of alloy which normally has a minimum melting point of 950°C. However, since the electroless nickel melts at 890°C due to the presence of phosphorous, the gold will be dissolved at this temperature or below. Thus, the bond is readily formed in a temperature range of about 850° to 900°C, which is sufficiently below the melting point of copper at 1,083°C.

U.S. Patent No. 2,568,242 to Matteson, Jr. describes an electrical contact having a circular and relatively thin head 1 comprising two layers 3 and 4 of a suitable electrical contact material and a base material, respectively. For example, the electrical contact layer 3 may be gold, silver, platinum, while

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the base layer 4 may be bronze or copper. The bonding head is also described as having other shapes such as square and oval.

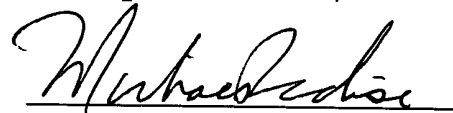
U.S. Patent No. 5,116,700 to Takeda describes a power source element 10 having connecting terminals 8 which are affixed to a circuit board 12 through a solder bonding portion 11. Each connecting terminal has a top end portion having a relatively large solder plate 9 to increase the bonding strength to the circuit board. The connecting terminal piece 8 has a reinforcement structure such that a base portion 20 is arranged perpendicular to the solder plate 9 to sufficiently support the weight of the power source 10.

4. The remaining patents on the attached Form PTO 1449 were located during a patentability search or were cited in the prosecution of the parent application Serial No. 09/939,351.

5. The person making this statement is the agent who signs below, who makes this statement on the information supplied by the inventors and the information in the agent's file.

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